(vi) Secretary, Tribal Affairs,

(vii) Secretary, Planning Commission,

(viii) Secretary, Department of Labour,

(ix) Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion,

(x) Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology.

**FM radio players**

*78. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Phase-I FM radio players since its inception in May, 2000; State-wise

(b) whether it is a fact that the players are facing problems with the open auction bid policy;

(c) if so, whether Government would think of reverting to the adoption of tender process;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that recently the TRAI has recommended for a new license regime and revenue sharing arrangement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof? •

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The number of Radio Players, location-wise is as under—

| Sl.No. | Location | No. of players | Name of the players |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Delhi | 3 | (i) M/s Entertainment Network India Ltd. (ENIL).<br>(ii) M/s Music Broadcast Pvt. Ltd. (MBPL).<br>(iii) M/s Radio Today (Delhi). |
| 2. | Mumbai | 5 (One has since closed down). | (i) ENIL, (ii) MBPL<br>(iii) Radio Today (Mumbai) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (iv) Radio Mid-day (West) (v) Millennium Broadcast Pvt. Ltd. (Mumbai) (closed down). |
| 3. | Kolkata | 4 | (0 ENIL, (ii) Radio Today (Kolkata) (iii) Hitz.FM Pvt. Ltd. (iv) India FM Pvt. Ltd. |
| 4. | Chennai | 2 | (i) ENIL, (ii) SUN TV |
| 5. | Bangalore | | MBPL |
| 6. | Ahmedabad | | ENL |
| 7. | Lucknow | | MBPL |
| 8. | Pune | | ENL |
| 9. | Indore | | ENL |
| 10. | Visakhapatnam | | UDAYAT.V. |
| 11. | Tiruneh/eli | | SUN TV. |
| 12. | Coimbatore | | SUN TV. |

(b) The players have expressed problem with exceptionally high annual license fee determined through open auction.

(c) to (f) Government had sought TRAI's recommendations for the phase-ll FM Radio Broadcasting Policy, which has recommended closed bidding process for one time entry fee and annual sharing @ 4 % of gross revenue instead of annual license fee as at present. TRAI's recommendations are at advanced stage of consideration.

**Charges by cable operators**

*79. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable operators have been allowed to charge at will till December, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;